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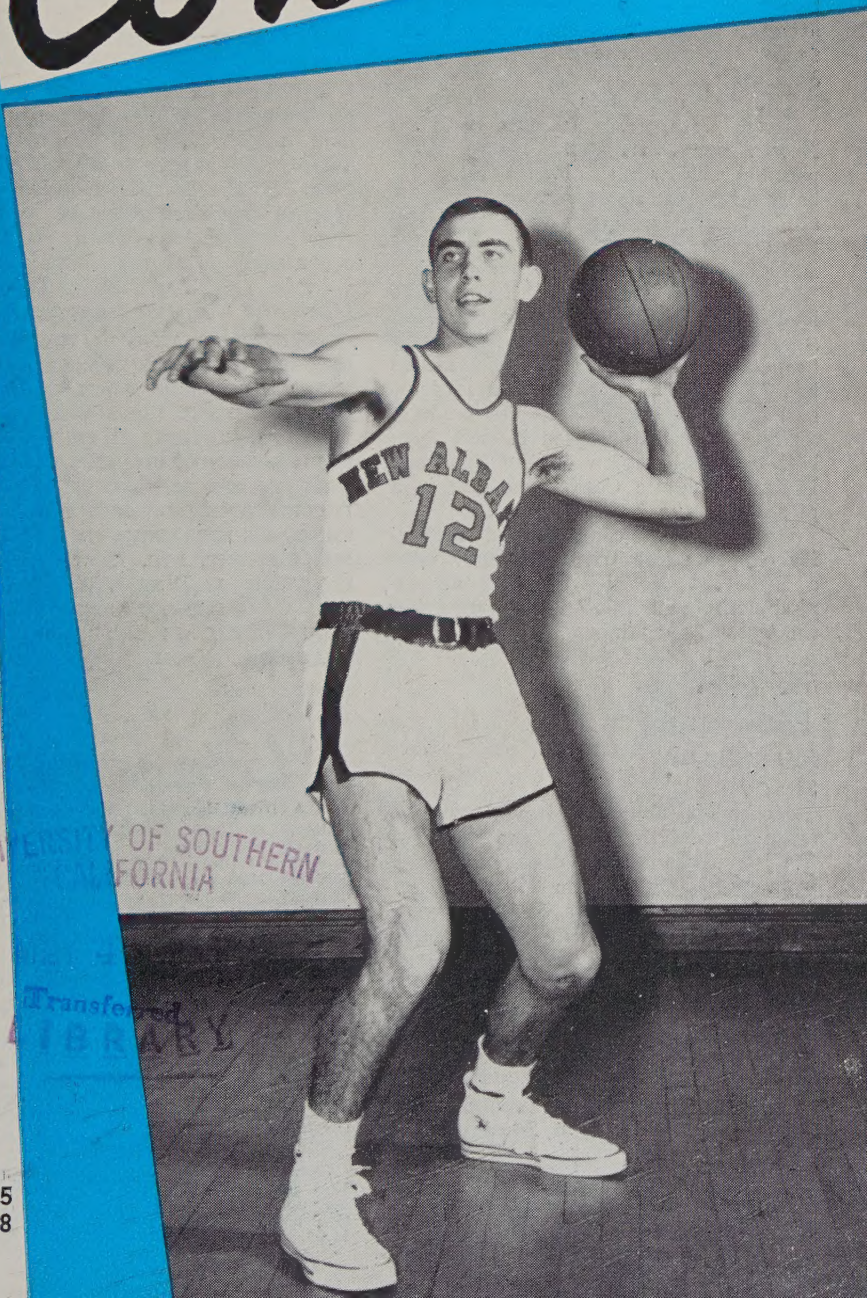

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Each spring in Indiana, one athlete is selected from the four teams that reach the finals of the state high school basketball tournament and is given the Arthur L. Trester award for mental attitude. The Trester medal is based on scholarship, citizenship and attitude toward coaches, teachers and fellow students. The winner for 1955: James Henry.

The star athlete is active in youth work at Trinity Methodist Church in New Albany. In 1952 he was MYF president. Now a senior at New Albany High School, Jim is a straight A student with a 96 average, ranking third in his class of 374 students. He is president of the senior class.

A guard on the basketball squad, he is one of only three athletes at the school ever to win a letter in varsity basketball for four seasons. He also has lettered for three seasons in football and baseball. He was quarterback on last fall's undefeated NAHS football team, champion of the Southern Indiana Athletic Conference. He is a pitcher on the baseball team.

On April 3, the congregation of Trinity church presented Jim Henry with a Bible in recognition of the accomplishments which led to his receiving the Trester medal.

Forum

ICU SUNDAY

Sirs:

Methodist churches have made a splendid contribution to the work of the International Christian University in Japan. Many of them will therefore, be interested to know that this year "ICU Sunday" comes on June 19, and that a special meditation and a brief announcement in the form of a "report of progress" has been prepared for its observance.

Churches may cooperate in three different ways:

1. By making a brief announcement concerning I. C. U. on Sunday, June 19.

2. By taking a special offering to be sent through Methodist channels.

3. By sending a contribution directly to the Foundation office at 44 East 23rd Street, New York 10. (Pew envelopes will be provided free.)

Pastors may receive a packet of "ICU Sunday" materials by writing me at the above address.

Stanley I. Stube
General Secretary
Japan International Christian
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INDUSTRIAL WORK CAMP

Sirs:

Enclosed is a brochure describing the Industrial Work Camp that will be held in Ellensburg this coming summer. While this program is primarily for those in the Pacific Northwest Conference this first year, we would welcome applications from students in other sections of the country.

Miller C. Lovett
Ellensburg, Wash.

—STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED ONE OR MORE YEARS IN COLLEGE MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS WORK CAMP. DATES ARE SEPTEMBER 5-25. WORK CAMPERS WILL SPEND THEIR DAYS WORKING IN INDUSTRY AND BUSINESS, THEIR EVENINGS IN GROUP DISCUSSION ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF WORK, THE PLACE OF THE LABOR MOVEMENT, PROBLEMS FACING MANAGEMENT, ETC. DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS JUNE 1. WRITE THE SERVICE COMMITTEE, PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONFERENCE, 814 REPUBLIC BUILDING SEATTLE 1, WASH.

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The front page

SOME OF THE STORIES THAT MADE HEADLINES DURING THE PAST TWO WEEKS.

◆ Rumors of war grew in number as President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles reported "an extensive build-up" of Chinese Communist air-power opposite Formosa. The implications, they said, are "grave." The assumed objective of the Communists is Quemoy and the Matsus, islands about as close to Communist China as Staten Island and Catalina are to the U. S. coasts. Now the islands are held by Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist troops, and the U. S. is pledged to defend the islands with the Nationalists against any Communist attack.

◆ An end to polio's long reign of terror is in sight now that a polio vaccine was officially licensed for public use by the National Institutes of Health only hours after it had been found safe and effective in preventing paralytic polio. The vaccine in mass tests last year proved about 90 per cent effective. Around the country, children are receiving the shots as rapidly as vaccine is made available. (See VIEWS.)

◆ Communist China accused the U.S. of sabotage and murder after a chartered Air India 4-engine Constellation plane crashed in the South China sea just off Sarawak, North Borneo. Among the 19 passengers were members of the Red delegation to the African-Asian conference at Bandung, Indonesia. Three persons were rescued, but the others were missing. The U. S. called the sabotage charges "preposterous," among the baldest ever leveled at the United States. Impartial reports indicated that chances of sabotage of any kind were very remote, but cause of the accident still is not known.

◆ Albert Einstein, probably the greatest scientist of the century, died in Princeton, N. J. and his body was cremated without funeral rites of any kind. The 76-year-old physicist, who revolutionized scientific thinking, left his brilliant brain and his major body organs to research. Enstein was noted for his theory of relativity and his work in nuclear fission and electronics. His discoveries made possible the atomic bomb and the gigantic electronics industry. Yet he was famed for his gentleness, his concern with great causes, and his simplicity. His definition of success: "If A is success in life, the rule might be expressed: A equals X plus Y plus Z, X being work and Y being play and Z keeping your mouth shut." On his famed theory of relativity: "When a man sits with a pretty girl for an hour, it seems like a minute. But let him sit on a hot stove for a minute — and it's longer than any hour. That's relativity."

◆ Ex-president Harry S. Truman declared that the United Nations has staved off "unlimited international warfare" in the past ten years and called on the Eisenhower administration to make more use of the world organization and to lay before its general assembly "the current threats to world peace."

◆ And evangelist Billy Graham reported that his All-Scotland crusade has "jolted the people out of their indifference" to religion with the result that people talk about religion now.

NEWS

First Fiddle at Last!

—Shoemaker in the Chicago Daily News

E. O. Harbin retires from staff

The church's number one recreation expert, Rev. E. O. Harbin, this month reaches his 70th birthday and officially retires from his staff duties.

He has been a member of the Youth Department staff of the General Board of Education since 1919. His ministry through these many years has been teaching churchmen everywhere the meaning and importance of good recreation and the relation of recreation to religion.

Mr. Harbin is best known, perhaps, for his many books and articles in the recreation field. His popular *Fun Encyclopedia* has been a basic tool of countless recreation leaders. Among his recent books are *Gay Parties for All Occasions*, *Games for Boys and Girls*, *The Recreation Leader*, and *Games of Many Nations*.

Since the late 1940's, Mr. Harbin has been in semi-retirement because of illness. Three years ago he broke his hip and has had to spend his days in bed. Yet two of his books have been published during this time, an indication that Mr. Harbin has still been at work.

"Leisure" is now on the press with these words of praise: "He travelled extensively and tirelessly over the nation for a quarter of a century in recreation and youth work. He led thousands in their first group recreation under the auspices of the church. For other thousands he first taught the place of recreation in the religious life. Hundreds of recreation leaders over the nation look to him as their spiritual "father" in a concern for the Christian use of leisure time . . . The Methodist Church would not stand where it does in its concern for recreation but for the work of E. O. Harbin. Every recreation worker in the church is in great debt to him."

In honor of his work, Helen and Larry Eisenberg dedicated their newest book, *Fun with Skits, Stunts and Stories*, as follows:

"Dedicated with affection and appreciation to E. O. Harbin,

"For his contagious spirit of fun and play . . . his keen wit and appreciation of humor . . . his sharing, with hundreds of thousands, of a deep love for the good, creative, and beautiful . . . his philosophy toward life and toward people . . . his dauntless courage in the face of problems . . .

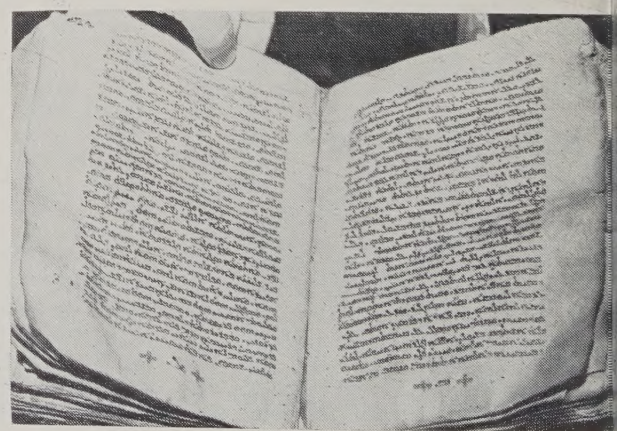
"For teaching generations of leaders that 'whatever enriches life has spiritual value.' "

House action on UMT expected any time

At press time, the latest on UMT:

Final decision on the provisions of the proposed UMT-compulsory reserve bill, H. R. 2967, is expected any day in the full House Armed Services Committee.

On March 28 the subcommittee headed by Overton Brooks of Louisiana reported a revised bill to the full committee, which would build a 2.9 million man combat-ready military reserve



Biblical scholars say this is the oldest known copy of the New Testament. Written in Aramaic, the manuscript is said to be 1,600 years old. Now on display at the Library of Congress, the manuscript is owned by Norman Yonan of Washington, who says his family has kept the document for nearly 50 generations.

The length of Ready Reserve duty was shortened for ex-servicemen. Men who served in the Korean war would be exempted from Ready Reserve duty. For the six months trainees the Reserve obligation would be 7½ years. A ceiling of 250,000 was placed on the six months trainee section.

The subcommittee referred to the full committee: (1) whether to grant the Defense Establishment authority to draft men to meet this trainee quota in case it is not filled by volunteers, (2) whether to empower the President to call up 750,000 men for 24 months military service in case of national emergency without further action by Congress.

Although proponents of this measure insist that service in the reserve or the trainee program is neither compulsory nor universal, the following points must be considered. (1) The provisions of this bill are still to be determined by what looks like a close vote in the full committee. The full committee could restore all the original compulsory features. (2) The bill must be judged as part of the total military set up including the draft. The draft bill, which provided authority to conscript men for two years service who do not volunteer up to the limits established by Defense requests and funds available, was rushed through the House in two weeks and awaits Senate action. (3) It has been the aim and desire of General Hershey, head of the Selective Service System, and Carter Burgess, assistant secretary of defense for manpower, to establish the military obligation of every young man and to maneuver the manpower pool so that as few as possible escape military duty. Military leaders have stated frankly their desire to expand the trainee program so that it would be, in effect, universal military training.

Senate To Act Later

The Senate is not expected to act on draft extension and the compulsory reserve-UMT proposals until H.R. 2967 has been voted on in the House. Congressmen report considerable mail in support of the Legion proposals from American Legion members, and less opposition mail from church and educational groups than three years ago.

Senator Stuart Symington of Missouri and 44 co-sponsors have introduced a "butter and guns" resolution in the Senate.

The proposal, S. Res. 71, calls for reduction in the level of resources used for military ends, and their utilization for peace, particularly in the underdeveloped areas of the world. The resolution recommends renewed efforts for disarmament. To implement the principle, it suggests that international ceiling should be set on the use of key resources for military purposes, with adequate measures of inspection and control to prevent "acts of diversion or conversion for military purposes."

This resolution appears to call for a very modest—if not meager—arms reduction, in comparison with S. Con. Res. 32, introduced by Senators Flanders and Sparkman during the 83rd Congress. It has been referred to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, but no action has yet been taken on it.

Harold E. Stassen, at present Foreign Operations Administrator, has been appointed special advisor to the President on disarmament, with cabinet status, following the termination of the FOA July 1, 1955. He has announced his desire to hear constructive proposals and suggestions from private groups and individuals.

Another side of youth poll on UMT

Fifty-two per cent of the nation's high school students are opposed to the U.M.T.-Compulsory Reserve bill pending in Congress, according to the National Council Against Conscription. In a letter sent to every member of Congress, the Council attacked as biased some published reports that high school students want U.M.T.

Referring specifically to an article "The Kids Want U.M.T." published by *This Week* magazine, the council charged its author with publishing results of a question favoring U.M.T., and concealing results of two questions where students opposed U.M.T. The author of the article, Myrick Land, is an official of Scholastic Magazines which conducted the poll.

The article, according to the anti-conscription Council, said 66% of high school students were in favor of U.M.T. and only 26% opposed it. The article

however, did not mention that *52% of the same students came out against* and only 30% favored a six-months U.M.T. followed by 7½ years in the Ready Reserve. Yet this is the type of U.M.T. and long-term reserve duty that is currently pending in the House Armed Services Committee.

A copy the Council's printed statement, "Don't Be a Poll Parrot," may be obtained from the National Council Against Conscription, 104 C. Street, N. E., Washington 2, D. C.

States ask New York to raise liquor age law

Both New Jersey and Vermont have asked New York legislators to up the state's minimum age law on liquor to 21 years of age. They say New York's legal sales to 18-year-olds are causing serious juvenile delinquency problems.

Out of the 48, only two states set 18 rather than 21 as the minimum age for buying liquor. They are New York and Louisiana.

The New Jersey Assembly, meeting in Trenton, passed a resolution memorializing the New York Legislature to increase the legal age for service of alcoholic beverages from 18 to 21.

Governor Joseph B. Johnson of Vermont signed a resolution requesting the same move. It has been sent to Governor Averell Harriman and the New York lawmakers. The resolution originated with Mayor Dan J. Healy of Ruthland, who said efforts to prevent juvenile delinquency in Vermont are hampered by New York allowing purchase of intoxicants at 18 years of age.

When New Jersey Assemblywoman Florence P. Dwyer traveled to Albany to urge favorable action on the resolution, she met fierce opposition from New York liquor interests. The lobbyists claimed the move to make teenage sale illegal would mean a loss of 25% of their business.

Mrs. Dwyer was ". . . shocked to learn that they believe that this loss in business was an argument against raising the age, because I feel that it is a strong argument on our side."

40 youth needed for US-2 service

The "Help Wanted" sign is out again for the US-2 program—short term missionary service in the United States—according to Miss Alpharetta Leeper of the Board of Missions staff. Some 40 young men and women are being sought for the 1955 class which will serve in the U.S.A. and its possessions for two or three years.

College graduates with "good health, good mind, and committed spirit" are offered opportunities in teaching, religious education work in rural areas, group work in community centers, and children's work. Among the special needs listed by the Department of Work in Home Fields of the Woman's Division of Christian Service are house parents, dieticians, farm managers, nurses, and doctors.

The US-2 group will train at Scarritt College for Christian Workers in Nashville for six weeks, July 23 to August 30. The young home missionaries will receive special instruction in religion, group work, crafts, and other

Two young Methodist ministers dressed in old clothes and lived four days on the Bowery "to get real down-to-earth experience on life." They posed as visitors from Baltimore and Washington looking for a break in the big city, later preached to their New Jersey congregations on what it's like to live on skid row. They are William Lufburrow, 23, and Herbert Morris, 32.

skills they may need in work in mission stations.

The US-2's receive a monthly salary of $100 plus maintenance and a month's vacation each year. The term of service is for two years in the United States and for three in the outpost missions of Alaska, Puerto Rico, and Hawaii.

Opportunities available include work with special groups such as Spanish-speaking, Negro, American Indian, and in such places as agricultural areas, mining communities, Indian reservations, fishing villages and cities.

College graduates interested in the US-2 program should write to Miss Alpharetta Leeper, Department of Missionary Personnel, 150 Fifth Ave., New York 11, N. Y.

Junaluska starts new youth center

Work is getting under way this spring on a $100,000 youth center at the summer assembly grounds of Southeastern Methodism at Lake Junaluska, N. C. The building may be ready for partial use before the summer is over.

The building fund is nearing the $50,000 mark, most of which has been contributed by Methodists throughout the south. The MYF of the Western North Carolina Conference, which holds its institutes at Junaluska, has already raised $2,500 and expects to obtain another $1,000. The MYF's in South Georgia, South Carolina and Holston conferences have organized fund campaigns.

The youth center will be named for the late Bishop Paul B. Kern, who was the guiding spirit behind Methodist Youth Caravans and other projects which are now part of Methodism's general youth program.

The center is to be on the lakeshore, will measure 4,800 square feet. Plans call for a central fellowship hall, stage, class rooms, offices, snack bar and recreational facilities. The structure will cost approximately $75,000, and $25,000 will be allocated for furnishings and special equipment.

Assembly grounds officials estimate that some 3,000 Methodist high school youth and college students attend conferences and training projects at Lake Junaluska every summer.

The Spirit moves 'Scrooge'

"I want to go to seminary. I know my parents will object for they are Buddhists and don't know anything about Christianity, but I want to become a pastor."

It was "Scrooge" who said this. "Scrooge" was the logical nickname for the young high school boy who had played that part for the tape recording of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol."

If "Scrooge" were to introduce himself, he would tell you that he comes from a village named "Bear's Nest" nestled among the spruce covered hills of Showa Mura. This is in the Aizu area of Fukushima Prefecture in Japan where the snows are so deep that often the mail is delivered only once a week. Of course there is no high school in his village and that is the reason he came to Aizu-Takada.

His real name is Kikuo which means "Chrysanthemum Boy." He jokingly says that he can never forgive his parents for naming him this for in the first place he hadn't been born in the autumn when the national flower blooms but in the springtime. And besides he was a boy. But he guesses Kikuo is an easy name to remember.

When Kikuo first came to the Aizu-Takada church he was very sky, and his answers to any questions were short, frozen yes's or no's. He would gulp down his tea without any manners. He acted very clumsy. However he began to take part in various groups in the church, and he heard the call of Christ to become His disciple and was baptized.

Kikuo joined the youth group which had decided to prepare a tape recording to be used with the film-strip "A Christmas Carol." The group spent many hours in recording speaking parts, sound effects, and background music to accompany the film. Kikuo san had a sense of imagination so sound effects were fun. In "A Christmas Carol" the picture of Scrooge waking after his nightmares on Christmas morn called for the sound of church bells pealing in the morning air. He tried the piano, music box, kettles and frying pan lids, but none gave forth

a sound that was better suited than a suspended wrecking bar when tapped with a screw driver.

When Kikuo was asked to take the leading part, he did his best to convey the changing spirit of "Scrooge" in order that everyone who would hear the recording might catch the spirit of Christmas. When the final recordings were made, all were closely grouped around the recorder so that the voices and sounds with music as background could be effectively recorded. The first recording then was presented as part of the Christmas program of the Takada church and the next evening at the church in Hongo, a town about four miles away.

Several of those who had helped to prepare the recording were there and so had an opportunity to evaluate the effect it had upon the audience. They discovered that such a presentation had real value. But they also discovered some of the flaws, and so a better and more refined recording was made which took the group 8½ hours to prepare. That evening the new recording was presented with the film strip at the town's white Christmas program for 1200 people. It was one of the high points in a 6-hour community Christmas program.

Kikuo had been prompted through these creative preparations to rethink his life work. It was a soul searching experience. He had acted the cross Scrooge, the frightened Scrooge and the changed Scrooge who wanted to celebrate Christmas better than any other. And just as Scrooge who was changed into a new individual by the three spirits of Christmas, so Kikuo was moved by the Spirit to enter the ministry. After the Christmas programs were all over, he came to the mission and his pastor, Rev. S. Endo, and told them of his decision.

—GILBERT W. SHROER
Tokyo, Japan

Vocations film strip wins national award

A sound film strip produced by the Radio and Film Commission of The Methodist Church took top honors in its class at the Golden Reel Festival of the American Film Assembly held in the Waldorf Astoria, New York, April 6.

The winning entry was a sound film strip, "Counseling for Church Vocations," now being used by many MYF groups. The script was prepared by Dr. William Fitts in collaboration with the Rev. Richard G. Belcher of the Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations. Lyman White, film editor in the headquarters of the Radio and Film Commission in Nashville, did the technical work.

Ban on prejudice

It is now illegal for children's publications in France to contain anything likely to inspire or preserve racial or national prejudices. The new regulation is an amendment to a five-year-old law which prohibits the printing of illustrations or text in children's periodicals suggesting violence or immorality. The law applies to all territories within the French Union.

A group of Japanese youth make recordings in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Armin H. Kroehler, missionaries in Aizu-Takada, a rural area north of Tokyo. (See story.)

VIEWS

March of history

April 12, 1945 President Franklin D. Roosevelt died at his Warm Springs cottage.

April 12, 1955 the death knell was sounded for FDR's bitter enemy, infantile paralysis.

In Ann Arbor, Mich. some 500 medical doctors assembled to hear reports on the effectiveness of a vaccine to prevent polio. The verdict: victory.

The vaccine developed by Dr. Jonas E. Salk was given in test cases last summer to 440,000 children, and only 71 of them were paralyzed by polio. Since last year's tests the vaccine has been improved, and the new 1955 model vaccine is expected to be almost 100 per cent effective. The medical director of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis said, "It appears the Salk vaccine is as effective as comparable biologicals—those against smallpox, tetanus, diphtheria and whooping cough, which have virtually eliminated these diseases."

Day after the Ann Arbor announcement, doctors and health officials across the nation, cheered by the success of the Salk vaccine, turned to the huge task of inoculating millions. Some cities had their inoculations under way within a week, as soon as vaccine shipments could be rushed in.

All first and second graders are expected to get the shots, since that is the age group considered most vulnerable to the disease. Inoculations for nine million children are being provided by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. There were estimates that as many as 45 million children might be vaccinated this year.

Around the country pediatricians and other doctors reported that they were swamped with requests for the vaccine—especially by parents of children who are not included in the mass inoculations.

The light comes on

—Little in The Nashville Tennessean

It was 1789 when a British physician first described polio. In 1927 Franklin D. Roosevelt, himself a polio victim, founded the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation, the first institution exclusively devoted to polio victims. In 1938 the National Foundation was incorporated, and the "March of Dimes" each year has raised funds for research.

The victory announcement was a great tribute to FDR. It was a personal victory for Jonas Salk, the son of a Jewish garment worker who almost became a lawyer instead of a doctor. The Salk vaccine is light and hope for millions everywhere. At last, the March of Dimes has overcome the march of history.

New film planned to hit real problems

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"You don't drink! Why not for Pete's sakes? Aw, come on, just have a beer?"

In the face of a steady increase in teen-age drinking, sparked by a $250,000,000-a-year alcohol advertising campaign, Methodist young people are being asked questions like these more and more often. For many, the answers don't come easy.

In every National Youth School of Alcohol Studies since the first in 1953, leaders have been asked the same question again and again, "What do I *say* when someone offers me a drink?"

To give its young people some concrete answers to this modern social problem, The Methodist Church is preparing a new $125,000 motion picture. Beamed to youth and young adults, the film will demonstrate ways Christians can meet social pressures to drink, without being anti-social and without compromising their convictions.

Completion of the final script for the film was announced recently by Bishop Paul E. Martin of Little Rock, Ark., Board of Temperance president. Commenting on the film, Bishop Martin said it was designed to be a "completely different" temperance picture. Instead of citing a lot of negative "don'ts" its emphasis is to be positive and constructive, stressing the benefits of alcohol-free living.

In addition to giving young people some concrete answers to the question, "Why not have a beer?", the film will lay bare many of the propagand techniques used in alcohol advertising The story demonstrates the effect thos pressures often have on young peopl in a modern society.

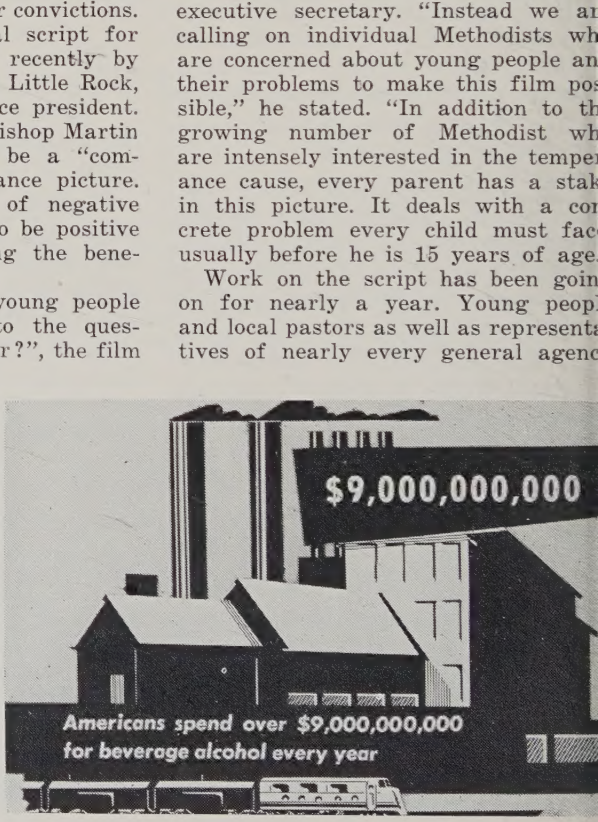
Nothing is to be spared to mak the film a top-quality production. Jar Handy Organization of Detroit, Mich has been chosen to make the film unde the direction of the Methodist Radi and Film Commission. The Board o Temperance is sponsor of the picture.

The Board hopes to have the ne picture ready for use in local churche by Fall of this year. However, fina production is dependent on a campaig now under way to raise the necessar $125,000.

The fund raising plan does not cente on church apportionments or congrega tional collections, according to Dr. Ca adine R. Hooton, Board of Temperanc executive secretary. "Instead we ar calling on individual Methodists wh are concerned about young people an their problems to make this film pos sible," he stated. "In addition to th growing number of Methodist wh are intensely interested in the tempe ance cause, every parent has a stak in this picture. It deals with a co crete problem every child must fac usually before he is 15 years of age.

Work on the script has been goin on for nearly a year. Young peopl and local pastors as well as represent tives of nearly every general agenc

Americans spend more on alcoholic beverages each year than on milk and dairy products, bakery goods, all advertising, motion pictures, or soft drinks. According to Department of Commerce statistics, the annual liquor and beer bill runs three times the amount given to all religious and welfare activities.



of the church have had a hand in its preparation. To get a story that would be believable, constructive and helpful, more than 20 separate story conferences have been held.

The Board of Temperance plans to make a print of the film available free to every district in Methodism participating in the fund-raising campaign. Copies will also be available through the usual rental agencies and the Methodist Publishing House.

Contributions for the film or requests for further information may be sent direct to Methodist Board of Temperance, 100 Maryland Ave., N. E., Washington 2, D. C.

Alcohol school set for July

The annual National Youth School of Alcohol Studies and Christian Action will bring key youth and youth workers together this summer for a week of study and planning.

MYF conference chairmen of Christian citizenship or approved alternates, one other youth from each conference, and the adult advisor in the program area of Christian citizenship or the conference director of youth work may attend the school.

Purposes are to provide Christian youth with positive answers to the problem of drinking, to approach solutions in the light of Christian beliefs and with a clear understanding of the scientific and spiritual factors involved, to equip youth and their leaders with facts and techniques for a program of education and action which will be part of the total MYF program, and to help youth as individuals to place in proper perspective the current social pressures for the use of alcoholic beverages.

Place of the school is National College for Christian Workers in Kansas City. Dates are July 2-9. Costs are $5 for registration, $20 for room and board, plus travel and incidentals. Registrations and inquiries should be directed to the Youth Department, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tenn.

Among leaders for the school are staff members from the Board of Temperance and the Board of Education and pastors and local church leaders in the field of alcohol education.

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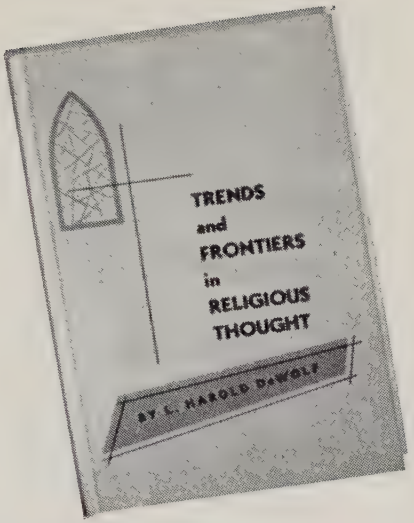


Trends and Frontiers in Religious Thought

Books of Concern

ers' Association held its seminar in Nashville last fall, featured speaker was L. Harold DeWolf, professor at Boston University School of Theology. His lectures were so well received that student leaders decided to put them into print. Exactly as given in Nashville, with additions by the author, these lectures now make a fascinating book, *Trends and Frontiers in Religious Thought.*

Chapter titles give an indication of content: Our Cultural Situation, Liberal and Naturalistic Accommodations, the Fundamentalist Reaction, the Neo-Orthodox Reaction, Old and New Agreements, and the Road Ahead.

The book is not easy reading for youth; but more mature older youth, theologically-aware students and adult workers will find this a helpful and thought-provoking analysis of what is going on in theology today.

Harold DeWolf is becoming a key spokesman among liberal theologians, especially after his two recent books, *The Religious Revolt Against Reason* and *A Theology of The Living Church.*

Hard-bound, 139 pages, this book sells for $1.50 a copy; five copies for $6, ten copies for $10. Order from the National Methodist Student Movement, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2.

Big convention uses study book

A new kind of conference rally took the spotlight in the Central Pennsylvania Conference March 25-26. There were no platform speakers. The program was centered around small group discussions on problems that had been dramatically presented by MYF groups, and it worked.

Youth presented their own problems:

★ "How can I, through participation in my local church program, manifest my loyalty to the church?"—by the West Side MYF, Clearfield.

★ "How can I, through my daily living, manifest my loyalty to the church?"—Trinity MYF, Harrisburg.

★ "How can I, through my attitudes toward world problems, manifest my loyalty to the church?" — Newberry MYF, Williamsport.

After each presentation, delegates spend an hour and 45 minutes in the small groups.

Theme for the annual convention was the Lenten study book of the MYF, *I Belong*, by Hoover Rupert. Everyone planning to attend the convention was asked to read the book in advance, and nearly all the delegates did.

The planning committee hoped that, from participating in the discussion groups, each youth would feel a sense of belonging and that he would have 14 new friends when he left. From participating in the total group, it was expected that all would have a deeper sense of belonging to the church.

Many youth said, "This is the friendliest conference I ever attended." One local church group said, "We liked the convention because we felt we had a part in it." Another youth said, "In our group, we got many ideas for projects and activities for the MYF at home."

Dr. Robert R. Powell, professor at Westminster Theological Seminary in Westminster, Md. served as guide in planning and also met with the adult workers during the convention. Much of the meeting's success was due to his guidance, according to reports. A month before hand he met with 45 discussion group leaders in a coaching conference at Lycoming College.

MYF *in action*

Dr. Powell commented that two things were responsible for success of this new plan: success in getting a large percentage of discussion group leaders to the coaching conference, and oral and written instructions given to all youth on how to participate in group.

New conference officers were installed on Saturday morning. President is John Piper. Host church to the convention, First Methodist of Bloomsburg, Pa. worked hard to increase accommodations when registrations went far beyond expectations. Some 550 persons took part in the meeting. Planning committee chairman was Deanne Bell and conference director of youth work is Miss Martha McCafferty.

At the Valentine sweetheart banquet of the senior MYF at First church in Jefferson City, Mo. the fellows did the cooking and served their dishes in a romantic atmosphere of candlelight, cupids and valentines. Members of the group gave the after-dinner speeches and entertainment, and the girls obliged by washing the dishes.

Youth wins speech contest

The Canyonville, Oregon church has only 79 members, and the town itself is so small that it seldom gets on an Oregon map. But out of the Canyonville church came the girl who won the state-wide MYF oratorical contest on "The Christian Witness That Must Be Made in My High School."

She is Carol Brinkworth, chosen from among 100 competing young people.

Miss Brinkworth

Each youth spoke in his local church, then at the mid-winter rally of the subdistrict MYF. Winners there spoke in district meetings, and so the field was narrowed to the five youth who competed for top honors in the state.

The winner said that "the Christian witness which must be made in my high school is composed of a thousand daily acts and attitudes—a thousand opportunities, well used, to demonstrate the meaning of Christian living." She listed some of the duties, such as being conscientious in studies, cooperative in school functions, a friend to all (even the crude, the poorly dressed, and the "trouble makers"). "Our real challenge," she stressed, "is in practicing your witness so that it shines through you clearly and naturally, so that it is a 'Christian' witness at all times; so that others can see in us that they are missing something important."

As one conference leader says, they will see it in Carol—she's got it!

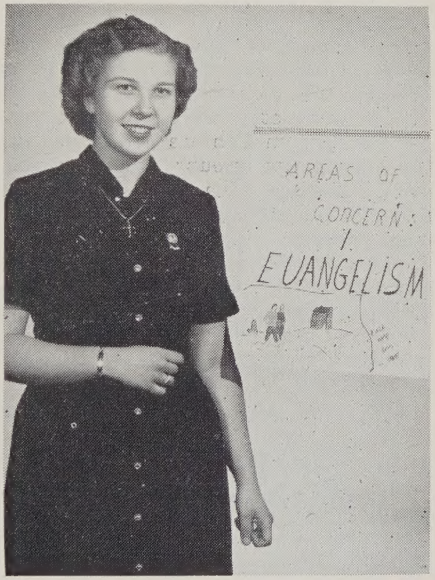
MYF works at spring cleaning

The Rio Grande Conference's El Mesiah church in El Paso got its dose of spring cleaning.

But it wasn't the housewives doing the job. The industrious senior MYF decided to work at cleaning and repairing their church, and incidentally to enjoy real Christian fellowship. In a day they made spic and span the educational section of the church building.

The youth were mostly from Lydia Patterson Institute, a Methodist-sponsored high school. They had 100 per cent attendance for the cleaning program, then dug into a picnic lunch immediately after the last window was washed. Then the 35 youth took part in a worship service.

Next project for the group: a talent show to raise money for the subdistrict MYF and summer camp fees for their leaders.



Oregon youth are applying the old principle that people remember lots more of what they see than what they hear. Across the Oregon Conference, youth are making their own turn-over charts to train "fishermen" teams in calling, to explain content materials in the program areas, to spark discussions, and even to outline the steps in teaching a good lesson. Some of the charts are made from butcher paper sewed together at the top, others on art pads purchased from stationers. Some are crayon, others made with flo-master pens. All are for the same purpose: to help put across a message in a clear way. Doris Pomeroy of Lebanon demonstrates a chart she made to help local witness chairmen understand all the implications of their job.

MYF Roundup

◆ Some 350 MYF'ers from the St. Louis Conference came to Farmington, Mo. March 11-12 for the annual Christian vocations conference. A faculty of nine persons guided youth in discussing various vocations.

◆ North Arkansas Conference held its annual youth rally at Hendrix College in Conway, April 1. Delegates met in workshop groups on the program areas and MYFund, made final plans for summer activities, then heard an address by Rev. Carroll McLaughlin of Topeka, Kans.

◆ "Some Have Found Life," a dramatic worship service of dedication marked the close of four week-end district youth conferences held throughout the Oregon Conference. Climaxing the skits, buzz groups, planning and work sessions, the service carried through the theme of Christian witness. Written in blank verse by Dr. Thomas Bennett of Willamette University, the service was narrated by conference president Charles Frost and enacted at each of the four conferences by members of the conference MYF council.

◆ Spring rally for youth of 350 churches in the New York Conference was held April 2 at Washington Street church in Poughkeepsie. Main speaker was Rev. Lyman Taylor of Tannersville who gave an illustrated address on "Korea: Before and After."

◆ "A Time for Decision" was theme of the spring youth convention of the Washington District in the Pittsburgh Conference April 15-17. Youth from most of the 102 churches in the district attended. Pittsburgh District Superintendent W. S. Boyd spoke on "A Time for Personal Decision" and "A Time for National Decision."

◆ The first week-end in March youth of the Wichita, Kans. District met at First church in Wichita for training in methods of neighborhood Christian Witness Missions. The district was divided into seven neighborhoods, and the youth and adult leaders trained in this week-end conference became the leaders for the neighborhood missions. Rev. Everett R. Mitchell, pastor of the Dellrose church and district director of youth work, was dean.

◆ Late report from the Peninsula Conference on its Christian Witness Missions indicates that 135 youth and adults served as visitors on the four-week-ends in March, contacting slightly over 3,000 youth and adults workers with youth in 163 charges of the annual conference. Over 1,800 people attended the district rallies. Total number of contacts: 5,004.

◆ Methodists in the New England Southern Conference are planning for the largest and most challenging program in church camping ever held there. Executive Secretary Douglas F. Dorchester, who serves as director of the conference's Camp Aldersgate, announces that the camp program opens June 16 with a college week-end and closes September 24 with a board of education planning retreat. Church groups use the camp on week-ends from early April through November. An estimated 3,500 persons will use the camp facilities during the next year.

Conference MYF officers in Puerto Rico are Valentina Maldonada, left, treasurer; Daniel Rodriguez, vice president, and Myriam Visot, president. Daniel is a freshman pre-med student at the University of Puerto Rico and the girls work as statisticians in government offices.

Student regionals set for summer

More than 1500 students and student workers are expected to attend the six summer regional leadership training conferences sponsored by the Methodist Student Movement.

The conferences are announced by Dr. Harvey C. Brown, associate director of the Department of College and University Religious Life of the Methodist Board of Education.

He said three conferences will be held in June as follows:

Lake Junaluska, N. C., June 7-14, with Dr. Peter A. Bertocci of Boston University as the platform speaker. The dean will be the Rev. Sam Barefield, Wesley Foundation director at Mississippi Southern College, Hattiesburg, Miss.

Casowasco, N. Y., June 8-15, with Dr. Carl Michalson of Drew University, Madison, N. J., as speaker and the Rev. Howard A. Brettle, Wesley Foundation director at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, as dean.

Epworth Forest, Ind., June 11-18, with Dr. Fred Berthold, Jr., of Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H., as speaker, and the Rev. Robert S. Moore, Wesley Foundation director at Wayne University, Detroit, as dean.

Three Come in August

Three other conferences are scheduled for Aug. 27-Sept. 3. They are:

Lake Poinsett, S. D., with Dr. Gerald O. McCulloh of the Methodist Board of Education, Nashville, as platform speaker and the Rev. Richard W. Nutt, Wesley Foundation director at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, as dean.

Lake Tahoe, Calif., Dr. Ernest C. Colwell, vice president of Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., will be the speaker, and the dean will be the Rev. Robert H. Stewart, Wesley Foundation director at the University of Arizona, Tucson.

Mt. Sequoyah, Ark., with Dr. Claude H. Thompson of Emory University, Atlanta, as platform speaker, and the Rev. Norton Wey, director of religious life at Oklahoma City University as dean.

Registration blanks and program details are available on request to Dr. Brown at P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2.

MSM in action

Harper speaks to Oklahoma MSM

Some 375 students and adults met at Northwestern State College in Alva, Okla. March 11-13 for the 21st annual Oklahoma MSM conference. Theme of the conference: "Is It Enough?"

Four platform addresses were given by Rev. George Harper, executive secretary of the conference interboard council of the Montana Conference.

Missions and work camps received great emphasis in addresses by Miss Willodean Burris, former A-3 and now a student at Perkins School of Theology; Miss Mazelle Osteen of Oklahoma A&M who told about European work camps; and Rev. Bob Breihan of the University of Texas Wesley Foundation, director of the recent NCMY work camp in the Philippines. Conference delegates gave $137 toward Philippine work camp costs and $12 to Meals for Millions.

Lonnie Chestnutt, Oklahoma University student, was elected state president.

MSM Roundup

◆ A series of career conferences at American University, Washington, D.C. were held April 13-15, giving A. U. students a chance to learn about their future work. Leaders from 16 different professional fields were on the program.

◆ Holy Week at Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg, Va. was observed with a number of services. Students, faculty and local pastors conducted morning watch hours, and Maundy Thursday communion and Easter sunrise services were well attended.

◆ Wesley Fellowship from Pittsburgh's three big schools and the Wesley Foundation of the University of West Virginia held a joint spring retreat at a Y camp near Pittsburgh, April 15-17. About 40 persons met under the theme, "Confused? Concerned? Converted? Christian!"

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